

where there is a suggestion of fraud or concealment of property, money or effects; and in the event of the jury finding against the debtor, his imprisonment shall be continued as is provided by the act to which this is an amendment." Mr. Borden moved that the bill and amendment be postponed indefinitely; which was not agreed to. Mr. Sneed moved to amend the amendment by striking out all thereof after the word "debtor," in the eleventh line, and inserting the following, to wit: "the defendant shall be committed to jail, and shall never be entitled to the benefit of this act, or of that of which this is amendatory;" which amendment was not agreed to. The question then recurring on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. M'Kay, it was agreed to; and the bill, as amended, was read the second time and passed, and being read the third time, Mr. Ward moved to amend the bill by adding the following: "Be it further enacted, that this act shall not be so construed as to have any bearing on debtors heretofore committed to jail;" which amendment was not agreed to. Mr. Sneed moved to amend the bill in the same manner as proposed by him on the second reading; which was not agreed to, and the bill was read the third time and passed—ayes 23, noes 14. The ayes and noes being demanded by Mr. Borden.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are Messrs. Askew, Brower, Dickinson, Dobson, Gavin, Gudger, Guinn, Harris, Hill, Hinton of B. Howell, Kerr, M'Kay, M'Entire, M'Farland, M'Neill, Martin, Melchor, Montgomery, Ramsey, Ray, Selby, Simmons.

Those who voted in the negative, are Messrs. Blackwood, Boddie Borden, Dick, Hawkins, Hinton of W. Hoke, Lindsay, Mathews, Mosely, Murchison, Sneed, Ward, Wilder.

And a message was sent to the House of Commons, asking their concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Sneed, from the committee on Finance, made a report, stating that during the discharge of their duties, their attention had been drawn to the circumstance of certain checks which had been drawn on the State Bank by John S. Haywood for John Haywood, Public Treasurer, in the year 1827, and which the committee conceived required some investigation, and therefore reported a resolution instructing the Public Treasurer on that subject; which was read and adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

Received from the House of Commons a message, stating that they have postponed indefinitely the following engrossed bills, to wit: A bill to prevent the meeting of slaves in the night, and to restrain their meetings in the day time in the counties therein mentioned; and a bill to authorise judges to grant writs of ne exeat in certain cases therein mentioned.

A message was also received from the House of Commons, stating that they have passed the engrossed bill to amend an act, passed in 1826, entitled an act to prevent free persons of colour from migrating into this State, for the good government of such persons resident in the State, and for other purposes; with an amendment, in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate. Whereupon the said amendment was read and concurred in by the Senate, and a message sent to the House of Commons, informing them thereof.

Received also from the House of Commons a message, stating their concurrence in the amendment made by the Senate to the engrossed resolutions in favor of John B. Muse and Richard Roberts. Whereupon the said resolutions were ordered to be enrolled.

A message was also received from the House of Commons, stating that